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1. APPRECIATE EMBASSY REPORTING AND COMMENTS ON QUAI VIEWS
ON KOREAN ISSUE. WHILE FRENCH CO-SPONSORSHIP OF FRIENDLY
RESOLUTION PROBABLY UNLIKELY WE WISH TO HAVE AS ACTIVE
FRENCH SUPPORT AS POSSIBLE, PARTICULARLY WHEN WE MOVE INTO
THE ACTUAL DEBATE PERIOD. FOLLOWING INFORMATION MAY BE
USEFUL IN RESPONDING TO FRENCH QUESTIONS ON JURIDICAL ISSUES
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RAISED IN REFTELS. EMBASSY VIEWS ON FURTHER INFORMATION
NEEDED AND TACTICS WHICH MIGHT BE PURSUED TO DEVELOP FRENCH
SUPPORT ON KOREA ISSUE WOULD BE HELPFUL IN PERIOD BETWEEN
NOW AND GA CONSIDERATION OF KOREA ITEM.

2. UNDER PARA 17 OF THE 1953 ARMISTICE AGREEMENT, RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMPLIANCE WITH AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE ARMISTICE LIES WITH THE SIGNATORIES TO THE AGREEMENT, I.E., THE COMMANDER OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE'S VOLUNTEERS, AND KOREAN PEOPLES ARMY, AND CINCUNC, AND THEIR SUCCESSORS IN COMMAND (THE ROK IS NOT A SIGNATORY TO THE ARMISTICE. USG PROPOSAL IS THAT ROK AND USG COMMANDERS WILL BE SUBSTITUTED FOR CINCUNC AS HIS "SUCCESSORS IN COMMAND.) IN ADDITION, PARA 24 PROVIDES THAT RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUPERVISION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT AND SETTLEMENT OF VIOLATIONS THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS LIES WITH THE MILITARY ARMISTICE COMMISSION (MAC), WHICH IS COMPOSED OF FIVE OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE CHINESE AND NORTH KOREAN COMMANDERS AND FIVE OFFICERS APPOINTED BY CINCUNC. TWO SOUTH KOREAN OFFICERS SIT ON THE UNC SIDE OF THE MAC. THUS, THE ROK IS ALREADY HEAVILY INVOLVED IN MAC MECHANISM SUPERVISING IMPLEMENTATION OF AGREEMENT. US-ROK PROPOSAL WOULD NOT CHANGE THIS MECHANISM BUT WOULD PROVIDE FOR SUBSTITUTION OF US AND ROK COMMANDERS "AS SUCCESSORS IN COMMAND" TO CINCUNC UNDER PARA 17.

3. THE NEUTRAL NATIONS SUPERVISORY COMMISSION (NNSC) WAS ESTABLISHED BY THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT TO MONITOR THE NUMBER OF TROOPS AND EQUIPMENT ENTERING AND LEAVING KOREA. THERE ARE FOUR MEMBERS - TWO APPOINTED BY EACH SIDE (SWEDEN AND SWITZERLAND FOR THE UNC AND POLAND AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA FOR THE OTHER SIDE), BUT THE NNSC HAS BEEN MORIBUND FOR MANY YEARS.

4. THE UNC ITSELF WAS ESTABLISHED BY THE US PURSUANT TO SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 84 OF 1950 WHICH RECOMMENDED THAT MILITARY FORCES AND ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY VARIOUS MEMBERS BE MADE AVAILABLE TO A UNIFIED COMMAND UNDER THE US AND REQUESTING THE US TO DESIGNATE A COMMANDER OF SUCH FORCES. WHILE THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZED THE UN COMMAND TO USE THE UN FLAG AND REQUESTED REPORTS TO THE SECURITY

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X COUNCIL AS APPROPRIATE, THE SECURITY COUNCIL DOES NOT PARTICIPATE DIRECTLY IN UNC ACTIVITIES, OR IN SUPERVISION OF THE ARMISTICE.

5. USUN ALSO MAY WISH AS APPROPRIATE TO DRAW ON ABOVE IN ITS DISCUSSIONS WITH FRENCH MISSION KISSINGER

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